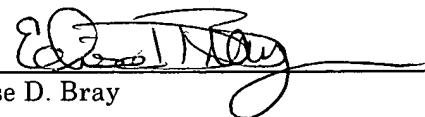


PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant : Yoshikazu Umezu, et al.
Application No. : 09/308,607
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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January 2, 2003

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated **September 3, 2002** for **one month(s)** from **December 3, 2002** to **January 3, 2003**.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$110	\$110.00
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$205	\$410	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$465	\$930	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$725	\$1450	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$98	\$1970	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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